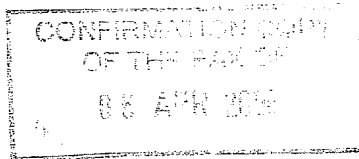


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Dear Mr. Klein,

As requested during our telephone call of April 3, 2006 for which we thank you, please find enclosed without prejudice handwritten amended claim pages 13 and 14. As two claims were numbered "7" we have corrected the numbering and adapted the reference to preceding claims accordingly. The content of the claims has not been changed.

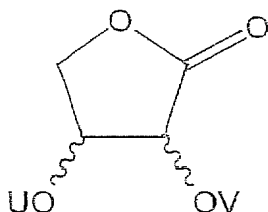
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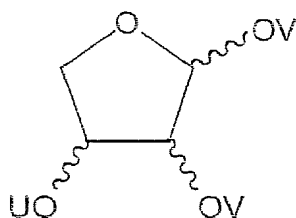
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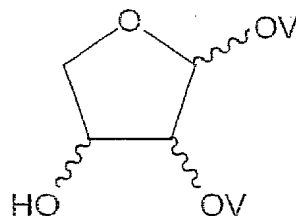
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⁷ 7. The use of a compound according to any of the claims 1 to 4, for the manufacture of a medicament for the prevention or treatment of a viral infection in a mammal.
- 5 ⁹ ⁸ 8. The use according to claim ⁷, wherein said viral infection is an infection by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).
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⁹ 9. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to any of the claims 1 to 4 as an active ingredient in admixture with at least a
 10 pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
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¹⁰ 10. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim ⁹, further comprising an antiviral agent.
- ¹²
 15 ¹¹ 11. A method of treatment or prevention of a viral infection in a mammal, comprising administering to the mammal in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to any of claims 1 to 4.
- ¹³
 20 ¹² 12. A compound represented by one of the following general formulae (XXVIII) to (XXX):



(XXVIII),



(XXIX), and



(XXX),

5 wherein:

- U is an acyl group,
- V is a silyl group, and
- the snake-like symbol means any stereochemical arrangement of the respective bond.

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~~13~~. Use of a compound according to claim ¹³~~12~~ as an intermediate for making a compound according to any of claims 1 to 4.